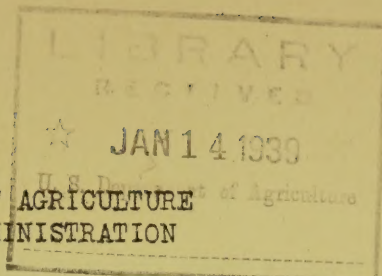


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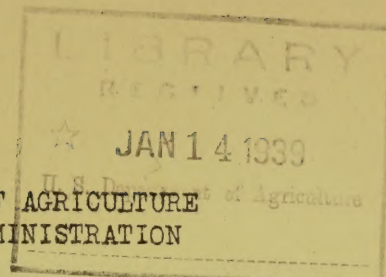
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December 30 -- FINAL RESULTS ON FLUE-CURED TOBACCO REFERENDUM (1078-39)

--Secretary Wallace announces final and official results of the flue-cured tobacco marketing quota referendum held December 10. The Secretary's announcement shows that out of an estimated total of 300,000 flue-cured tobacco growers eligible to vote, 233,393 cast ballots. Of this number 132,460, or 56.8 percent, voted in favor of the marketing quota and 100,933, or 43.2 percent, did not vote favorably. The referendum was held under provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, which direct that when supplies of tobacco reach certain high levels defined in the law, a marketing quota must be announced and a referendum held to determine whether a two-thirds majority of farmers favor the quota.

December 30 -- RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT POTATO CONFERENCE-- (1092-39) --

This release summarizes recommendations which were made by potato growers at a national conference held in Washington December 29 and 30, attended by representatives of potato producers and Department of Agriculture officials from 27 potato producing states. The conference recommended that rates of payment in connection with potato acreage allotments, that commercial potato areas, that the method of determining state, county, and farm potato acreage allotments be the same for 1939 as for 1938 and that the A.A.A. obtain the most recent and accurate data as a basis for adjusting the potato yield figures and other recommendations applicable to the Agricultural Conservation Program as it pertains to potatoes. Recommendations relating to Marketing and Marketing Agreement Programs included a request for the development of a marketing agreement program to fit various potato producing areas, a request for a study of transportation by the Department, a request for cooperation in educational programs and other recommendations covering marketing programs.

December 30 -- SUGAR DIVISION ANNOUNCES LOCAL CONSUMPTION QUOTAS (1084-39)

--The Sugar Division announces the establishment of the 1939 sugar quotas for local consumption in Hawaii and in Puerto Rico at 29,412 short tons, raw value and at 70,812 short tons, raw value, respectively.

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The following press releases, relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements, were issued during the week ending January 7. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the title.

January 3--COTTON FARMERS MEET TO DISCUSS PROGRAMS.--(1095-39)--A three-day conference at Washington of cotton producers and their representatives, to consider the Agricultural Adjustment programs for cotton in 1939 and 1940, is announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Delegates from eleven Southern and Western states are expected to attend the conference. It will be held January 5, 6, and 7.

January 3--1939 SUGAR QUOTAS FOR FOREIGN FULL-DUTY COUNTRIES ANNOUNCED.--(1096-39)--The Sugar Division announces 1939 sugar quotas for foreign countries, other than Cuba. The quotas allotted to these full duty countries total 27,007 short tons.

January 3--OLD PACT FOR MELONS TERMINATED: NEW AGREEMENT CONTINUES PROGRAM.--(1098-39)--The Department of Agriculture announced termination of a marketing agreement and license for the southeastern watermelon industry, which was replaced in 1936 by an agreement and order program. The terminated agreement and license was made effective in August, 1934. In 1936, the program was modified, following a public hearing and the issuance of a new agreement and order which became effective May 12, 1936.

January 5--1939 STATE CORN ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS ANNOUNCED.--(1106-39)--Acreage allotments totaling 41,239,659 acres comprising the 1939 commercial corn area designated recently in 586 counties of 12 Corn Belt States, are announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Corn acreage allotments for 1939 for individual farms are expected to be established throughout the commercial corn area sometime this month. Compliance with allotments will be voluntary and farmers who do not exceed their allotments and who carry out soil conservation requirements under the 1939 AAA Farm Program will receive payments of 14 to 15 cents per bushel on the normal yield of their corn acreage allotment and they will also be eligible for corn loans next fall.

January 6--OFFICIAL RESULTS OF 4 REFERENDUMS.--(1110-39)--Secretary Wallace announces final and official results of cotton, rice, and Burley and dark tobacco referendums held in December. As a result of the vote, the cotton marketing quota proclaimed by the Secretary November 9, will be in effect during the coming marketing year which begins on August 1, 1939. No marketing quotas will be in effect during 1939 for rice or Burley and dark tobacco because growers voted unfavorably on these quotas in the referendums. Official results show that of 2,300,000 cotton farmers eligible to vote, 1,169,663 cast ballots in the cotton referendum and that of this number 983,903, or 84.1 percent voted in favor of the marketing quota.

January 6--BOSTON HANDLERS SIGN AN AMENDED MILK PACT.---(1114-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announced that handlers of milk, representing about 85 percent of the volume in the Boston, Mass., marketing area, have signed an amended marketing agreement to replace a program now in effect under a Federal order. The amended agreement has been tentatively approved by Secretary Wallace. A referendum will be held soon among producers supplying milk to the Boston area to determine whether they favor issuance of an order embodying the terms of the tentatively approved agreement.

January 6--PUERTO RICAN DIRECT CONSUMPTION SUGAR ALLOTMENTS FOR 1939 ANNOUNCED.---(1111-39)--An announcement by the Sugar Division of an order establishing allotments to manufacturers, announcing Puerto Rican direct consumption sugar allotments for 1939. The total importations of direct consumption sugar from Puerto Rico are limited to 126,033 short tons, raw value, under the Sugar Act of 1937.

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January 9--TRIPLE-A MAKES PUBLIC COTTON RECOMMENDATIONS. (1122-39)--Resolutions adopted by a committee of cotton producers and their representatives, following a conference in Washington, were received in a letter to R. M. Evans, Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, which was released to the press today. The recommendations included legislative and administrative proposals and were signed by C. G. Henry as chairman and R. E. Short as secretary, following the conference in which the group reviewed in detail all important phases of the cotton situation, including loans and surpluses, the export situation, proposals for substitute programs, the operation of the present program, the relationship of cotton to other major agricultural commodities, factors influencing foreign production and consumption, factors influencing imports by foreign countries and other factors vital to the income and purchasing power of cotton farmers. Representatives of other Cotton Belt groups are to be called in conference to give the AAA their views at a later date.

January 10--SUGAR STATISTICS FOR FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1938 ANNOUNCED. (1124-39)
--The Sugar Division issues its monthly statistical statement covering the first eleven months of 1938 on total visible deliveries of direct consumption sugar by manufacturers and importers. The release consolidates reports obtained from cane refiners, beet sugar processors, importers and others and points out that the total visible deliveries of direct consumption sugar for the first eleven months of 1938 totaled 5,979,679 short tons, raw value, against 6,139,570 short tons for the same period in 1937, 6,070,333 short tons in 1936, and 6,087,749 short tons in 1935.

January 11--AAA APPROVES FIRE PREVENTION PROVISIONS FOR NEW ENGLAND. (1141-39)
--A special conservation program for New England and Long Island areas damaged by the hurricane last September is announced by Secretary Wallace. The program establishes a supplementary farm forestry practice for which payments will be made in addition to those provided by the conservation program. Payments will be made at the rate of \$4 per acre of farm woodland which constitutes a serious fire hazard as a result of hurricane damage. The maximum payment for any farm will be \$60 and the payments may be earned by cleaning up woodlands to permit new growth.

January 11--COTTON UTILIZATION COMMITTEE TO MEET. (1143-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces that members of the cotton industry committee to investigate possibilities of utilizing surplus cotton will meet in Washington January 13 at 10 a.m. in the office of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Harry L. Brown.

January 12--UNFILLED BALANCES OF 1938 OFFSHORE SUGAR QUOTAS, ABOUT 44,457 TONS. (1151-39)--The Sugar Division announces a preliminary statement the unfilled balances of 1938 offshore sugar quotas, which report shows that all except approximately 44,457 short tons, raw value, of the total quotas of 4,767,049 tons entered the country during the year.

January 13--GEORGIA PEACH AGREEMENT REFERENDUM RESULTS ANNOUNCED. (1157-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces the results of a referendum held in December on a proposed marketing agreement and order program on peaches grown in designated Georgia areas. According to the results of the referendum, growers failed to approve the plan with the required two-thirds majority of votes. Approximately 340 growers representing about 82 percent of the 1938 production in the area which would have been covered by the program voted in the referendum, casting 192 votes in favor of and 152 votes against the program.

January 13--SUGAR DIVISION EXPLAINS BASIS OF SUGAR REQUIREMENT ESTIMATES. (1158-39)--The Department of Agriculture makes public the text of a letter by Dr. Joshua Bernhardt, chief of the Sugar Division, to Mr. Sidney E. Duffour of New Orleans, La., in which Dr. Bernhardt explains, in accordance with Dr. Duffour's request addressed to Secretary Wallace, how the determination of consumers' requirements of sugar for 1939 was made.

January 13--THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. (1148-39)--An address by M. L. Wilson, Under Secretary of Agriculture, to be delivered before the annual meeting of the Texas Agricultural Workers Association at Fort Worth, Texas, January 13.

January 14--FCIC LISTS LOCATION AND AMOUNT OF WHEAT STORAGE.--Announcement by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, through its manager, Leroy K. Smith, that it has acquired 3,377,496 bushels of wheat in payment of wheat crop insurance premiums as of January 7, 1939. Most of this wheat is stored in federally licensed warehouses, which as far as possible are adjacent to the areas where premium collections originated. (1159-39)

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January 14--SECRETARY WALLACE SIGNS AMENDED BOSTON MILK ORDER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16. (1167-39)--Amendments to a Federal order designed to regulate the handling of milk in the Boston, Massachusetts, marketing area are signed by Secretary Wallace, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces. The order was made effective as of January 16, 1939. Unofficial referendum returns indicated that 82 percent or 7,242 ballots were cast in favor of the order.

January 14--COMMITTEE SUBMITS REPORT ON SURPLUS COTTON UTILIZATION. (1166-39)--Two subcommittees named to consider proposals for utilization of surplus cotton report their studies through the Department of Agriculture and make recommendations concerning utilization of surplus cotton. The report was based on an examination of the reports of certain bureaus in the Departments of Commerce and Agriculture, statistical compilations from governmental and private sources, news reports of market conditions, and sundry factual material of allied character.

January 17--AAA ANNOUNCES REGULATIONS ON PRICE ADJUSTMENT PAYMENTS. (1161-39)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces regulations for distributing price adjustment payments based on 1939 plantings of cotton, wheat, corn, and rice. These are parity payments to be made from a fund of \$212,000,000 appropriated by the Price Adjustment Act of 1938. Winter wheat producers will receive the payments first as their plantings in most instances have been checked for compliance. Initial payments probably will be made in the early spring. Regulations provide that the rates of payment must be determined finally within limits of the appropriation as soon as practicable after January 31, 1939. In no case is the rate to exceed the difference between the average farm price of the commodity and 75 percent of the parity price for the period from the beginning of 1938-39 marketing year to January 31, 1939. The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 authorizes parity payments to producers of cotton, wheat, corn, rice and tobacco if and when appropriations are made for such payments.

January 17--FLORIDA CITRUS AGREEMENT GIVEN TENTATIVE APPROVAL. (1185-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces tentative approval by Secretary Wallace of a marketing agreement designed to assist the Florida citrus industry to improve marketing conditions and price returns to growers. The agreement provides for grade and size regulation of shipments of Florida grapefruit, oranges, and tangerines which permit the industry to keep off the market those grades and sizes of fruits which result in losses to growers. The program would be administered by a committee of growers with the advisory assistance of a committee of shippers. A referendum to determine whether growers favor the

issuance of an order embodying the terms of the agreement to make the program applicable to all handlers of Florida fruit will be held shortly. At the same time the agreement will be submitted to handlers for their signatures.

January 18--DEMOCRACY AND THE FARM PROGRAM. (1191-39)--An address by Secretary Wallace, delivered before the Fourth General Assembly, Council of State Governments, Washington, D. C., January 18, 1939. In this address Secretary Wallace discusses the farm program and the responsibility of legislators and executive officers of state governments concerning democracy and the farm program. Secretary Wallace discussed the various acts of Congress passed in the last six years which provide Federal authority for doing away with causes of instability in agriculture.

January 19--SUGAR DELIVERIES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1938 ANNOUNCED BY SUGAR DIVISION. (1195-39)--Visible deliveries of direct consumption sugar by manufacturers and importers during December 1938 are announced in a preliminary report issued by the Sugar Division. The report indicates that when necessary minor adjustments have been made for distribution of sugar by several processors total visible distribution for 1938 will be approximately the same as that for 1937.

January 19--SUGAR DIVISION ANNOUNCES HEARING ON 1939 MAINLAND CANE SUGAR QUOTA ALLOTMENT. (1197-39)--The Sugar Division announces that a public hearing will open in Atlanta, Georgia on February 7, 1939 on the allotment of the 1939 Mainland Cane Sugar Area quota. Evidence will be received at the hearing to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to make a fair, efficient and equitable distribution of the 1939 sugar quota among processors in the Mainland Cane Sugar Area.

January 19--WAGE DETERMINATION ANNOUNCED FOR MAINLAND SUGARCANE AREA. (1200-39)--Minimum wage rates to be paid laborers in planting or cultivating sugarcane throughout 1939 by producers in the Mainland Sugarcane Area who apply for payments for the 1939 crop are announced by the Sugar Division. The Sugar Act requires as a condition of payment to growers that all persons employed on a farm in the production, cultivation, or harvesting of sugarcane be paid in full by growers at returns not less than those determined by the Secretary to be fair and reasonable.

January 20--1939 SUGAR BEET PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS ANNOUNCED. (1204-39)--Farming practice requirements, comprising one of the conditions to be met in 1939 in States other than California by producers of sugar beets who apply for payments under the program, are announced by the Sugar Division.

January 21--MILLO PERKINS TO HEAD FSOC, MARKETING AGREEMENTS; TAPP RESIGNS. (1220-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces the selection of Milo Perkins as President of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and AAA Associate Administrator in charge of marketing agreement programs. Mr. Perkins will succeed Jesse W. Tapp who has asked acceptance of his resignation to permit his undertaking other activities.

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January 23--78,400,000 BUSHEL OF WHEAT AND FLOUR SOLD FOR EXPORT. (1224-39) The Marketing and Marketing Agreements Division announces sales of wheat and flour for export from the United States totaling approximately 78,400,000 bushels from July 1, 1938 to January 15, 1939. Of this total quantity approximately 53,000,000 bushels of flour and wheat were actually exported between July 1, 1938 and January 15, 1939. Of the total sales of the 78,400,000 bushels for export the sale of 53,273,000 bushels has been assisted by the federal export program.

January 23--EGG MARKETING MEETING TO BE HELD AT CLEVELAND FEBRUARY 1. (1225-39)--The Marketing and Marketing Agreements Division announces a meeting of representatives of poultry producers, market men and Government agencies at Cleveland on February 1 to consider the present market **situation**. The conference was requested by Mr. Hobart Creighton, President of the National Poultry Producers' Federation as a result of recent sharp declines in egg prices.

January 23--LOWELL-LAWRENCE MILK MARKETING PROGRAM GIVEN TENTATIVE APPROVAL. (1230-39)--Tentative approval by the Secretary of Agriculture of a marketing agreement and order program to regulate the handling of milk in interstate commerce in the Lowell-Lawrence (Massachusetts) marketing area is announced. The program would complement an existing Massachusetts Milk Control Board order for milk **originating** within Massachusetts. The marketing agreement will be submitted to handlers for their signatures and a referendum will be held among producers to determine whether they favor the issuance of an order which would make the program binding to handlers.

January 24--ARKANSAS GRAPE PRODUCERS TO VOTE ON MARKETING PROGRAM TERMINATION. (1235-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces a referendum to be held between January 25 and February 2 on the question of terminating a marketing agreement and order program for grapes produced in Washington, Benton, and Madison Counties, Arkansas, in operation since July 19, 1938. The Control Committee administering the program requested the referendum following a recent meeting.

January 24--AAA WHEAT CONFERENCE WILL OPEN JANUARY 26--(1239-39)--This release announces a three-day conference of wheat growers from the principal wheat-producing areas of the country to be held January 26, 27, and 28. Growers attending the conference will give the Agricultural Adjustment Administration their views on the administration of the AAA wheat program during the coming few months. Discussion will include a review of the domestic and world wheat situation and a survey of production outlook, utilization estimates and export possibilities.

January 26--APPORTIONMENT OF TOBACCO ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS AMONG STATES ANNOUNCED. (1244-39)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces apportionment of tobacco acreage allotments under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program among the tobacco-producing States. The apportionments cover flue-cured, Burley, fire-cured and dark air-cured, cigar filler and binder, and Georgia-Florida Type 62 tobacco and represent a division among the States of the respective national allotments provided in the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program. The release carries tables indicating the acreage allotment for each type of tobacco apportioned in each State.

January 26--SUGAR DIVISION ANNOUNCES HAWAIIAN 1939 SUGARCANE WAGE DETERMINATION. (1246-39)--The Sugar Division announces a determination of minimum wages to be paid laborers in the production, cultivation, or harvesting of sugarcane in Hawaii during the period from January 1 through December 31, 1939 by producers who wish to qualify for payment under the sugar program. The release contains in detail the minimum wage rates determined for male and female adult laborers.

January 26--F. R. WILCOX RESIGNS AS DIVISION DIRECTOR AND FSCC VICE-PRESIDENT. (1252-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces the request of Francis R. Wilcox, Director of the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements and Vice-President of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, that his resignation be accepted to permit him to take up other activities. Milo R. Perkins, recently selected as President of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, has requested Mr. Wilcox to remain with the Department during the period necessary to acquaint Mr. Perkins with the general administrative details of programs which have been under his supervision.

January 26--LETTER TO CHAIRMAN JONES MADE PUBLIC BY AGRICULTURE. (1253-39)--The Department of Agriculture makes public a letter to Chairman Jones of the House Agriculture Committee, signed by Secretary Wallace, in response to Chairman Jones' request for data concerning questions raised in a recent Congressional discussion about the program under the Sugar Act of 1937 in which the sugar program was criticized.

January 26--DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CANE SUGAR ALLOTMENT CHANGED. (1254-39)--The Sugar Division announces that a public hearing concerning the allotment of the 1939 sugar quota for the Mainland Cane Sugar Area originally scheduled to be held February 7 at Atlanta, Georgia, will be held at 10 a.m., February 8 in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium at Mobile, Alabama.

January 30--DAIRYING AND THE AAA IN 1939. (1257-39) Released for afternoon newspapers (January 30) was an address by R. M. Evans, AAA Administrator, to be delivered at Madison, Wisconsin, January 30, 1939, entitled "Dairying And The AAA in 1939".

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January 28--OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS MILK HEARING TO BE REOPENED FEB. 1.
(1277-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces reopening of a public hearing on a proposed milk marketing agreement and order program for the Omaha, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa milk marketing area to be held at 10 a.m., February 1, 1939, in the Post Office Building at Omaha.

January 28--PUBLIC HEARING ON ST. LOUIS MILK PROGRAM REOPENS FEB. 2.
(1278-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces reopening of a public hearing to consider tentatively drafted amendments to the milk marketing agreement and order program regulating the handling of milk in the St. Louis, Missouri marketing area, to be held at 10 a.m., February 2, in the Chase Hotel at St. Louis.

January 30--MARCH 1 IS DEADLINE FOR SPRING WHEAT INSURANCE.--(1281-39)--
Leroy K. Smith, manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, announces that growers of spring wheat who wish to insure 1939 harvests under the "all-risk" wheat crop insurance program must file applications in County AAA offices by March 1.

January 30--WHEAT RECOMMENDATIONS TO AAA ARE MADE PUBLIC. (1283-39)
R. M. Evans, Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, makes public the text of recommendations submitted by a conference of wheat farmers which met January 26, 27, and 28 in Washington at the invitation of the AAA. The conference recommended that the program as adopted for 1939 under the Agricultural Adjustment Act be carried out with minimum change; that acreage allotments be employed to solve the surplus problem; that surplus production be met by means of the Ever-Normal Granary export subsidies; that loans, parity payments, and crop insurance be made available; that freight rate adjustments and surplus purchases for relief be made to correct faulty distribution; that farms on which normal production of planted acres is less than 200 bushels be exempt from marketing quota provisions; and that the time for coming into the wheat acreage allotments under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program be extended to accord with State Committee recommendations and the approval of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

February 1--FLUE-CURED TOBACCO ACREAGE ALLOTMENT PROCEDURE FOR NEW FARMS ANNOUNCED. (1285-39)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces procedure for establishing flue-cured tobacco acreage allotments under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program for farms on which tobacco was grown in 1939 for the first time since 1934. The total acreage allotment for those farms that have not produced flue-cured tobacco since 1934 will amount to 1 percent of the 1939 national acreage allotment for flue-cured tobacco.

February 1--CABBAGE AGREEMENT HEARINGS SCHEDULED. (1297-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces public hearings on two separate marketing agreement programs proposed to regulate interstate shipments of cabbage produced in three Alabama counties and in the State of Mississippi. The Alabama program hearing will be held February 17 at Mobile and the Mississippi hearing at Crystal Springs on February 20.

February 1--ADVISABLE ACREAGE ESTABLISHED FOR CONNECTICUT VALLEY TOBACCO. (1298-39)--Secretary Wallace announces that 73 million acres has been established as the advisable acreage to be planted in 1939 to Connecticut Valley Shade Grown Tobacco, Type 61(a). This is the same as the acreage set for this tobacco in 1938 and represents 250 acres more than was actually harvested last year.

February 1--R. M. EVANS, Administrator, addresses the Illinois Agricultural Association at Chicago in a general discussion of agricultural problems and the legislation passed by Congress to meet these problems.

February 2--An Address "CROP INSURANCE ON THE PROVING GROUND" to be delivered by Leroy K. Smith, Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, before the Farmers Week meeting, at Ohio State University, is released for afternoon papers of February 2. (1289-39).

February 2--HEARING ON BEET SUGAR MARKETING QUOTA ALLOTMENT TO OPEN FEB.21. (1303-39)--The Sugar Division announces that a public hearing on the allotment of the 1939 sugar marketing quota for the domestic beet sugar area will open at 10 a.m., February 21, in the Main Post Office Building at Chicago.

February 3--GAUMNITZ TO HEAD MARKETING DIVISION; MAGUIRE NAMED FSCC VICE PRESIDENT. (1306-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces the selection of Edwin W. Gaumnitz as Director of the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements and of Philip F. Maguire as Vice-President of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. Both work directly with Milo R. Perkins, AAA Associate Administrator in charge of marketing agreement programs and President of the FSCC. Mr. Gaumnitz has been Chief of the Dairy Section of the Marketing Division and Mr. Maguire has been Director of the Rehabilitation Division of the Farm Security Administration.

February 3--1940 PROPORTIONATE SHARES FOR FARMS IN MAINLAND SUGARCANE AREA ANNOUNCED. (1307-39)--The Sugar Division announces determination of proportionate shares, in terms of acres, for farms in the Mainland sugarcane area for the 1940 crop. A condition of payment under the Sugar Act of 1937 requires that the amount of sugarcane grown on a farm and marketed must not exceed the proportionate share for the farm.

February 3--1939 PROPORTIONATE SHARE DETERMINATION REVISED TO BENEFIT SMALL SUGAR GROWERS. (1310-39)--The Sugar Division announces revision of the 1939 proportionate share determination for farms in the Mainland cane sugar area. The revision was designed for the benefit of small producers.

February 6--Secretary Wallace speaks as Chairman of the United States New York World's Fair Commission in the first of a weekly series of broadcasts on "Democracy in Action" over National Broadcasting Company stations, February 5 at 7 p.m. Released to newspapers for publication February 6 the Secretary's speech describes Federal participation in the World's Fair and quotes President Roosevelt's desire that Federal exhibits for the World's Fair be arranged on functional rather than on Department or agency lines. (1300-39)

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February 6--1939 DEDUCTION RATE FOR EXCESS TOBACCO PLANTED ACREAGE CHANGED--(1322-39)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces a change in the rate of deduction under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program for excess planted acreage of flue-cured, Burley, fire-cured, and dark air-cured, and cigar filler and binder tobacco up to 10 percent of the allotment, from 8 cents to 2 cents per pound of the normal yield per acre. The regular deduction of 8 cents per pound will apply only to the acreage in excess of 110 percent of the allotment. The flat rate of 8 cents per pound will be continued for all Georgia-Florida Type 62 tobacco harvested in excess of the allotment.

February 6--WHEAT LOSS ADJUSTMENTS TO BE HANDLED BY STATE AND COUNTY COMMITTEES--(1316-39)--The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation announces that adjustments of wheat crop losses sustained by growers who have insured 1939 harvests under the Federal crop insurance program will be handled by State and county agricultural conservation committees. Settlement of claims for losses, according to Leroy K. Smith, Corporation Manager, will be administered in much the same manner as the sign-up work is handled by the committees.

February 7--VOTE OF GROWERS FAVORS FLORIDA CITRUS AGREEMENT--(1326-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces preliminary figures indicating that 95 percent of the Florida citrus growers who voted in a recent referendum on a marketing agreement program to regulate shipment of citrus fruit cast ballots in favor of the program. The program which had been tentatively approved by the Secretary of Agriculture provides for regulating Florida shipments of oranges, grape-fruit, and tangerines by grades and sizes.

February 7--JANUARY SUGAR QUOTA ENTRIES ANNOUNCED--(1327-39)--The first monthly report on the status of 1939 sugar quotas for the various sugar-producing areas supplying the United States market is issued by the Sugar Division. The total of these quotas represents the quantity of sugar estimated, under the Sugar Act of 1937, to be required to meet consumers' needs during the current year. According to the report a quantity of sugar charged against the quotas during January for all offshore areas, including the full-duty countries, amounted to 326,316 short tons, raw value. Charges against the offshore areas for the same month last year totaled 346,128 short tons, raw value.

February 8--LOWELL-LAWRENCE AREA MILK MARKETING PROGRAM APPROVED--
(1330-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces the approval of a Federal-State milk marketing program for the Lowell-Lawrence (Massachusetts) marketing area by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and James O'Brien, Chairman of the Massachusetts Milk Control Board. The Federal program for the area becomes effective February 12, 1939 and will be complemented by the Massachusetts Milk Control Board order so far as intrastate shipments are concerned. Interstate shipments will be regulated by the Federal order.

February 8--STATE RICE ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS FOR 1939 TOTAL 861,076 ACRES--(1333-39)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces State rice acreage allotments for 1939, totaling 861,076 acres. The total allotment applicable to five rice-producing States is slightly greater this year than in 1938 when the total allotment was 850,000 acres. Under the 1939 Agricultural Conservation Program, each rice producer will receive an acreage allotment for his farm and those producers who comply with the program by holding their production of rice within the allotted acreage will receive a payment of 10 cents per hundred pounds on the normal yield of the acreage allotted. When acreage allotments are exceeded a deduction of 80 cents per hundred pounds will be made on the normal yield of the excess acreage.

February 10--HEARING SCHEDULED FOR CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS FRUIT MARKETING PROGRAM--(1340-39)--A public hearing on a proposed marketing agreement program to regulate interstate shipments of Bartlett pears, plums, peaches, apricots, and cherries produced in California will be held February 27 at Sacramento, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces. The hearing will open at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the Native Sons Building.

February 13--RACIAL THEORIES AND THE GENETIC BASIS FOR DEMOCRACY--(1337-39)--This was the title of an address by Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, at the public meeting sponsored by the "Lincoln's Birthday Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom" and held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at New York City, February 12, 1939.

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February 14--PRICE ADJUSTMENT PAYMENT RATES FOR 4 CROPS ANNOUNCED. (1361-39)

•--Price adjustment payments which will be made to producers who plant within their 1939 acreage allotment of cotton, corn, wheat and rice are announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The payments will be made on the normal yield of the acreage allotted to each producer. The rates announced are: Cotton, 1.6 cents per pound; corn, 6 cents per bushel; wheat, 11 cents per bushel; rice, 12 cents per hundredweight. These payments will be made under the provisions of the Price Adjustment Act of 1938 and will supplement regular agricultural conservation payments. The Price Adjustment Act allocates \$212,000,000 for payments to producers of five major crops in amounts which will provide a return as nearly equal to parity price as the funds will permit and which payments will be made on the five basic crops in 1939 if the average farm price for the crops is less than 75 percent of parity.

February 14--EXPERIMENTAL AAA PROGRAM FOR COUNTY BUILT AROUND WIND EROSION PROTECTION. (1356-39)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces approval of an experimental program for Sherman County, Texas, designed to meet the needs of the Southern Great Plains, or so-called "Dust Bowl" area. The program is a simplified plan embracing practices to protect land from wind erosion. The Sherman County program is separate from the regular Agricultural Conservation Program for 1939 but it is based on the same broad principles of soil conservation and will give cooperating farmers of the County as a whole approximately the same total return in payments. Under the experimental plan wheat acreage allotments and total soil-depleting allotments are established and deductions for over-planting these allotments will be made. Maximum payments under the plan can be earned by carrying out soil-building or erosion-preventing practices, seven of which have been approved for use in Sherman County.

February 16--SUGAR STATISTICS FOR 1938 ANNOUNCED. (1371-39)--The Sugar Division issues a statement covering deliveries of sugar for the calendar year 1938 in which reports obtained from cane sugar refiners, beet sugar processors, importers, and others are consolidated. The statement shows deliveries of direct consumption sugar by manufacturers and importers during 1938 amounting to 6,666,694 short tons, raw value, as compared with 6,669,992 tons in 1937; 6,706,218 tons in 1936; and 6,632,516 tons in 1935.

February 18--TERMINATION OF ARKANSAS GRAPE AGREEMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED. (1383-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces the termination effective February 18 of a marketing agreement program regulating the handling of grapes grown in three Arkansas counties. The program has been in effect since July, 1938 and was applicable to Washington, Benton, and Madison counties in Arkansas.

February 18--FLORIDA CITRUS MARKETING PLAN GETS FINAL APPROVAL. (1384-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces approval of a marketing agreement program for the Florida citrus industry which will become effective 12:01 a.m. February 22. Major provisions of the marketing agreement and order are designed to aid the Florida citrus industry in regulating shipments of oranges, grapefruit, and tangerines by grades and by sizes as a means of improving the marketing conditions and returns to growers.

February 19--"HOW AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, LABOR, AND GOVERNMENT CAN WORK TOGETHER FOR A 100-BILLION-DOLLAR INCOME"--An address by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, delivered at the third annual National Farm Institute at Des Moines, Iowa, February 18, 1939. The Secretary spoke of the significance of the meeting for Iowa and for the entire country and pointed out that: "One hundred fifty years ago, when the nation was founded, no such three-way conference would have been or could have been held, for agriculture was the principal form of economic activity and neither labor nor industry, as distinct from agriculture, was of any great importance."

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The following press releases, relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements, were issued during the week ending February 25. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the title.

February 20--SUGAR DIVISION ANSWERS INQUIRIES ABOUT SUGAR--
(1393-39)--The Sugar Division answers inquiries concerning whether the existing determination of consumers' requirements for the calendar year 1939 could be revised under provisions of Section 201 of the Sugar Act and, if so, whether under any circumstances the amount of such a determination could be less than an amount equivalent on a per capita basis to the consumption of the two-year period 1935-36.

February 21--PRELIMINARY REPORT ON JANUARY, 1939, SUGAR DELIVERIES--(1404-39)--The Sugar Division issues a preliminary statement of deliveries of direct consumption sugar by manufacturers and importers during January, with final figures for January 1936, 1937, and 1938.

February 21--PUBLIC HEARING ON PEAR MARKETING PLAN ANNOUNCED--
(1398-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a public hearing on a marketing agreement program proposed to regulate interstate shipments of fresh Beurre Hardy pears produced in California, will open at 9:30 a.m. March 10 in the Civic Auditorium at San Jose, California. Growers and shippers developed the program to assist the industry in improving marketing conditions.

February 23--In a Statement by Secretary Wallace to the Senate Agriculture Committee and which was released to the press, the Secretary said that the basic principles of the current farm program are sound and that so far as cotton producers are concerned the program has maintained producer income at almost twice that of the 1932 level. In the statement the Secretary pointed to the lack of an effective control program in 1937 and unusually favorable weather conditions as factors responsible for a huge cotton surplus.--(1406-39).

February 24--DETERMINATION OF MINIMUM PRICES FOR PUERTO RICAN SUGAR ANNOUNCED--(1414-39)--The Sugar Division announces the basis for determining minimum prices to be paid for 1938-39 crop Puerto Rican sugar cane by processors who, as producers, apply for payments under the Sugar Act which requires that producers who are also processors and who wish to qualify for Federal payments purchase cane at prices not less than those determined by the Secretary to be fair and reasonable.

February 25--86,900,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR SOLD FOR EXPORT--(1423-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces sales of wheat and flour for export totaling approximately 86,900,000 bushels from July 1, 1938 to February 20, 1939. Of this quantity about 66,000,000 bushels have been exported and of the total sales for export the sale of approximately 62,600,000 bushels has been assisted by the Federal export program. Under the program the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation buys wheat from regular grain dealers and producers in domestic markets and sells to exporters at prices which will enable United States wheat to maintain its relative position in world markets.

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The following press releases, relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the Sugar Division were issued during the week ending March 4. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the title.

February 27--MINIMUM WAGES ARE FIXED FOR WORK IN CANE FIELDS. (1432-39)--
A determination of the minimum wages to be paid laborers in the production, cultivation, or harvesting of sugarcane in Puerto Rico in 1939 by producers who apply for payments under the Sugar Act of 1937 is announced by the Sugar Division. The determination establishes minimum daily rates of pay for the various types of work for an 8-hour day. The Sugar Act requires among other conditions that all laborers employed in the production of sugarcane be paid in full by growers for all such work at rates not less than those determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to be fair and reasonable.

"CROP INSURANCE AND THE HIGH PLAINS" is the subject of a talk by Leroy K. Smith, Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, which will be given before the Regional Farm Conference at Dodge City, Kansas, March 7. In his speech, which has been released for the afternoon newspapers of March 7, Mr. Smith points to the need of "means to spread out the frequent impact of crop losses" and illustrated his point by pointing to the High Plains area where the difference between a good harvest and a lean one is measured frequently in terms of a few inches of moisture, a few degrees in temperature, or a few miles in wind velocity. (1452-39).

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The following press releases, relating to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Sugar Division, and the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements were issued during the week ending March 11. A copy of any of the releases may be obtained by ordering it by the number which follows the title.

March 7--DUBUQUE MILK MARKET HEARING SET MARCH 13 TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS--(1471-39)--Proposed amendments to the Dubuque milk marketing program will be considered at a public hearing scheduled for March 13 at Dubuque, Iowa, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces. The hearing will open at 10 a.m. in the Federal Building. The Dubuque Co-operative Dairy Marketing Association, representing about 65 percent of the fluid milk shippers for the Dubuque market, requested the hearing. The Association proposes enlargement of the marketing area, and a market-wide pooling arrangement in place of the present individual-handler type of pool.

March 7--KANSAS CITY HEARING ON PROPOSED MILK PROGRAM CHANGES SCHEDULED--(1472-39)--Proposed amendment to the Kansas City milk marketing program will be considered at a public hearing to be held March 16 at Kansas City, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces. The hearing will open at 10 a.m. in the U. S. District Court Room, Irving Pitt Building. The hearing was requested by the Pure Milk Producers Association of Greater Kansas City, comprising about 82 percent of the fluid milk shippers of the market. Enlargement of the marketing area, reclassification of milk, computation of milk value to each handler, butterfat differentials, receiving station allowance, and base-rating provisions are among the amendments proposed.

March 8--94,000 SPRING WHEAT FARMERS APPLY FOR CROP INSURANCE--(1475-39)--More than 94,000 growers in eight principal spring wheat producing states have applied for "all-risk" crop insurance policies on 1939 harvests, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation estimates in a preliminary report. The total number of applications received by the Corporation for wheat crop insurance on the 1939 crop now number 197,137 in the western winter wheat belt, 7,467 from eastern growers, and 94,987 from spring wheat states.

March 8--TOLEDO MILK HEARING TO BE HELD MARCH 13--(1477-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a hearing will open at 10 a.m. in the Hotel Waldorf, Toledo, Ohio to consider proposed amendments to the Toledo milk marketing program. Producers, handlers, and other interested parties may present evidence at the hearing on the proposed amendments. The hearing was requested by the Northwestern Cooperative Sales Association, Inc. representing about 70 percent of the market's fluid milk shippers.

March 8--FSCC SUSPENDS BUTTER PURCHASES IN MARKETS--(1481-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces that the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has discontinued its purchases of butter on the open market for the present. Operating through Commodity Credit Corporation loans, the Dairy Products Marketing Association bought approximately 114,000,000 pounds of butter under stabilization operations carried out since last summer. Since July 1, 1938 the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation bought a total of 67,000,000 pounds. Of this quantity the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation bought 23,000,000 pounds on the open market and 44,000,000 pounds from the Dairy Products Marketing Association for relief distribution. The decision to discontinue open market purchases for the present is made near the end of the storage year, with regular trade holdings in a relatively favorable position.

March 9--SUGAR STATISTICS FOR JANUARY, ANNOUNCED BY SUGAR DIVISION--(1479-39)--In a statistical report covering January, 1939 the Sugar Division announces total deliveries of sugar amounting to 345,466 short tons, raw value, during January this year. For January 1938 deliveries totaled 374,566 short tons.

March 9--AAA 1937-38 REPORT SHOWS CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS--(1463-39)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration reports on accomplishments in conservation of soil fertility and protection of farm income under AAA farm programs for the year and a half period January 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938 to Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace. The report is signed by H. R. Tolley, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, who was AAA Administrator during the period covered by the report. The report includes a detailed account of the application of the program in 1937. A summary of the activities of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration since 1933 to 1938, and an appraisal of the effects on farm prices and income and of the experience of the AAA in administration of the programs and in marketing adjustment are other features of the report.

March 10--SUGAR DIVISION ISSUES DATA ON "INVISIBLE" SUGAR STOCKS--(1496-39)--The Sugar Division issues a statistical report on "invisible" supplies of sugar in the United States together with a record of receipts and deliveries for October 1 to December 1, 1938. The information was compiled from schedules obtained from 1,387 manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers.

March 10--ENTRIES OF SUGAR AGAINST OFFSHORE QUOTAS FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED BY SUGAR DIVISION--(1497-39)--The second monthly report on the status of the 1939 sugar quotas for the various sugar-producing areas supplying United States market is issued by the Sugar Division. The sum of these quotas represents the estimated quantity of sugar required to meet consumers' needs during the current year. The report shows that the quantity of sugar charged against the quotas for all offshore areas, including the full-duty countries, during January and February, amounted to 597,281 short tons, raw value. For the same period last year, charges against the offshore areas totaled 671,042 tons.

March 11--FSCC AUTHORIZED TO BUY MORE WHOLE-WHEAT FLOUR--(1503-39)-- Authorization to make additional purchases not to exceed 315,000 barrels of whole-wheat graham flour and up to 180,000 barrels of whole-wheat flour cereal for relief distribution has been given the Federal Surplus Commodities, the Department of Agriculture announces. The wheat products will be bought from mills over the country in quantities to be determined from time to time. An initial purchase of 160,000 barrels of the cereal probably will be made during the week of March 12 to 18 and 80,000 barrels of graham flour may be bought during the week immediately following. Additional purchases will be made later.

March 11--PRODUCERS WILL VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO ST. LOUIS MILK MARKETING PROGRAM--(1508-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces that handlers of milk operating in the St. Louis market will receive an amended marketing agreement for their signatures and that producers supplying the market will vote on an order embodying terms of the amended agreement. Amendments to the St. Louis program were tentatively approved recently by the Secretary of Agriculture. Amendments would increase the price of Class 1 milk, redefine Class 1 and Class 2 milk, revise milk prices, limit the size of the St. Louis marketing area, and revise zone differentials.

March 11--PRODUCERS TO VOTE ON MILK MARKETING PROGRAM FOR OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS--(1507-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces that handlers of milk in the Omaha and Council Bluffs marketing area will receive a marketing agreement for their signature and that producers supplying the market will vote on an order embodying the terms of the agreement. The marketing program would replace a Federal license which has been in effect in the Omaha-Council Bluffs area since 1934. The referendum will be held within the next few days and follows tentative approval of the program by the Secretary of Agriculture.

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March 13--PLANS FOR EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM OF SURPLUS DISTRIBUTION ANNOUNCED--(1513-39)--Secretary Wallace announces Department of Agriculture plans to distribute surplus agricultural commodities through normal trade channels upon an experimental basis in a limited number of cities. The Secretary's announcement followed a meeting of the National Food and Grocery Conference Committee attended by the Secretary and by representatives of the Treasury Department, the Works Progress Administration, and the Department of Commerce. Under the plan distribution would be accomplished through the issuance of food stamps to needy persons receiving public aid. The proposal is designed to give low income families now eligible for public assistance additional purchasing power that could be used to obtain only surplus agricultural commodities in addition to their usual food purchases. The purchasing power would be provided in the form of stamps redeemable by the Government and acceptable in regular retail food outlets in exchange for certain food products officially designated as surplus commodities. Stamps would be issued only to persons receiving or certified for public assistance and part of the funds already available to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation for surplus removal operations would be used to finance redemption of the stamps. The plan which has been considered and unanimously approved by the Food and Grocery Conference Committee will be tried in a few representative cities ranging from a population of 50,000 upward and in widely separated areas as soon as details are completed with food industry groups and the State and Federal agencies concerned.

The remarks of Secretary Wallace concerning the new distribution plan as made before a meeting of the Food and Grocery Conference Committee in Washington March 13 are contained in a release of that date.--(1512-39)

An explanation of the proposed plan is provided in a release by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation on March 13, 1939.

March 13--USDA REQUESTS JUSTICE TO APPEAL N Y MILK CASE--(1518-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces formal request of the Department of Justice to appeal directly to the United States Supreme Court a recent adverse ruling in a lower court. This ruling rendered February 24 in Albany by Federal Judge Frank Cooper held invalid the Federal Milk Marketing Order in effect for the New York metropolitan marketing area.

March 14--MAINLAND CANE SUGAR PAYMENTS OF \$10,000 OR OVER MADE PUBLIC--(1520-39)--Payments amounting to \$10,000 or more to participants in the 1937 Sugar Program in the mainland sugarcane area were made public by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The payments were made to cooperating producers under the Sugar Act of 1937 under qualifying conditions requiring non-employment of child labor, payment of fair and reasonable wages for labor in the sugar fields, the marketing of not more than the farm's proportionate share of the area sugar quota, soil conservation, and in the case of producer-processors, the payment of fair and reasonable prices for sugarcane and sugar beets bought from other producers.

March 14--N. Y. MILK PROGRAM SUSPENDED PENDING SUPREME COURT APPEAL--(1523-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces suspension of the Federal marketing program regulating the handling of milk in the metropolitan New York area, pending the outcome of an appeal to the United States Supreme Court of a recent lower court ruling holding the plan invalid.

March 15--AAA PLANS TO ENCOURAGE FIBER FLAX PRODUCTION--(1525-39)--The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announces a program under which production of fiber flax in the United States is to be encouraged as a step toward establishing the industry on an efficient and stable basis. Mainly of interest to the Pacific Northwest and particularly to the Willamette Valley of Oregon where most of the fiber flax is produced the program is designed to increase the income of producers and will give the farmers an incentive to continue to grow a sufficient acreage of flax to permit full time operation of established farmer cooperative scutching and retting plants. The Secretary of Agriculture will offer to pay producers not more than \$7.50 a ton on fiber flax straw produced in 1939 up to the normal national production of 5,063 tons. If producers qualify a larger tonnage for payment, the rate of payment will be reduced proportionately. Maximum expenditures under the plan are limited to \$37,972.

March 15--SUGAR CONSUMPTION QUOTAS REVISED BY AGRICULTURE--(1529-39)--Secretary Wallace announces revision of sugar quotas from an initial determination of 6,832,157 tons to 6,755,386 tons. The revision was based upon investigations made by the Department of Agriculture of the quantity of sugar needed to meet consumer requirements in the United States for 1939.

March 17--AAA MAKES PUBLIC SUGAR BEET PAYMENTS OF \$10,000 OR OVER--(1539-39)--The list of participants in the continental sugar beet area who received payments of \$10,000 or more under the 1937 Sugar Program is made public by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Similar information on payments in the mainland sugarcane area were issued March 14 and those for other domestic sugar-producing areas will be made public shortly.

March 18--SUGAR DELIVERIES FOR FIRST 2 MONTHS OF 1939 ANNOUNCED BY SUGAR DIVISION--(1548-39)--A preliminary statement of deliveries of direct consumption sugar by manufacturers and importers of sugar during February is issued by the Sugar Division. The report is based on telegraphic information received from manufacturers and importers of sugar.

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March 20--TEXAS TOMATO MARKETING PLAN HEARINGS SCHEDULED--(1559-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that public hearings will be held on a marketing agreement program proposed to regulate the handling of tomatoes produced in 103 eastern Texas counties in interstate commerce. The hearings will open at 9:30 a.m. at Jacksonville, Texas, March 31, 1939 and at 9:30 a.m. at Yoakum, Texas, April 3. A third meeting may be held at Hallettsville, Texas, April 4, 1939. The hearings were requested by growers and shippers representing a substantial proportion of the tomato tonnage produced in east Texas.

March 20--FSCC WILL PURCHASE UNREDEEMED LOAN WHEAT--(1557-39)--The Department of Agriculture announces approval in principle of a plan under which the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation will buy all wheat held under the 1938 wheat loan program to which the Commodity Credit Corporation takes title at the maturity of loans. Wheat held under the loan program as collateral may be redeemed by producers between April 1 and June 15, 1939. Wheat which is not redeemed by maturity dates and on which producers have not obtained the extension of loan permitted in certain areas will become the property of the Commodity Credit Corporation. The unredeemed wheat will be taken over from the Corporation by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. Approximately 81,000,000 bushels of wheat is being held by the Commodity Credit Corporation as security under the 1938 loan program.

March 20--AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PAYMENTS OF \$10,000 OR OVER MADE PUBLIC BY AAA--(1556-39)--Payments of \$10,000 or more to participants in the 1937 Agricultural Conservation Program are announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The list supplements one issued October 18, 1938.

March 20--CINCINNATI MILK HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27--(1560-39)--Proposed amendments to the Cincinnati, Ohio milk marketing program will be held at 10 a.m., March 27, in the U. S. Post Office Building at Cincinnati, Ohio, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces. Evidence will be presented on proposed amendment relating to sales outside the marketing area to a marketing service and to minor changes for clarifying the program for administrative purposes.

March 21--Secretary Wallace's statement to the House Committee on Agriculture is released to the press. In his statement to the House Committee Secretary Wallace pointed out a gross farm income from agricultural production in 1938 amounting to \$8,880,000,000 compared with \$5,300,000,000 in 1932

and \$12,000,000,000 in 1929. Farm income available for living, the Secretary told the House Committee, amounted to \$5,230,000,000 in 1938 and only \$1,800,000,000 in 1932. He also pointed out that the purchasing power of agriculture has been restored practically to the 1929 level "if we take into account the lower level of prices of commodities purchased by farmers, interest and taxes in 1937 and 1938 compared with 1929."--(1565-39)

March 21--MISSISSIPPI CABBAGE GROWERS TO VOTE ON MARKETING PROGRAM--(1567-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a grower referendum on a proposed marketing agreement and order to regulate the handling of cabbage grown in Mississippi for shipment in interstate commerce and to Canada will be held March 25, 1939. The program, as tentatively approved recently by the Secretary of Agriculture, provides: The establishment of an administrative committee of five growers and four handlers representing four districts, comprising the entire State; regulation of shipments by size and grade; possibility of separate grade and size regulations for Canadian shipments; Federal-State inspection during regulatory periods; and a means of financing the program.

March 21--1937 HAWAIIAN SUGAR PAYMENTS OF \$10,000 OR OVER MADE PUBLIC--(1569-39)--Payments amounting to \$10,000 or more to participants in the 1937 Sugar Program in the Hawaiian Islands are announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

March 22--SUGAR DIVISION ISSUES ADDITIONAL DATA ON "INVISIBLE" SUGAR STOCKS--(1580-39)--Supplementary data on "invisible" supplies of sugar in the United States are issued by the Sugar Division.

March 22--FORT WAYNE MILK HEARING TO BE HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS-MARCH 28--(1582-39)--A proposed amendment to the Fort Wayne, Indiana Milk Marketing Program will be considered at a public hearing to be held jointly by the Indiana Milk Control Board and the Secretary of Agriculture at Indianapolis, March 28, at 2:00 p.m. in the State House, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces. Producers, handlers, and other interested parties will have the opportunity to present evidence on the proposed amendment to reduce the price of Class I milk from \$2.15 to \$1.85 per hundred pounds.

March 22--BASIS FOR COMPUTING PAYMENTS ON PUERTO RICAN SUGARCANE ANNOUNCED--(1585-39)--The Sugar Division announces the basis for determining the amount of raw sugar commercially recoverable from Puerto Rican sugarcane, upon which payment will be made to producers qualifying under the Sugar Act of 1937.

March 23--MISSISSIPPI TOMATO MARKETING PROGRAM HEARING IS SCHEDULED--(1587-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces that a public hearing on a marketing agreement and order proposed to regulate the handling of fresh tomatoes grown in Mississippi for shipment in interstate commerce and to Canada, will open at 9:30 a.m., April 6, 1939, at Crystal Springs, Mississippi. The proposed program provides for: The establishment of an administrative committee of three grower and three handler members; grade and size limitation as marketing conditions warrant; Federal-State inspection during regulatory periods; shipping holidays of not to exceed 48 hours with 72 hours between such periods; and limited exemptions

for the producer who, because of shipping regulations, cannot ship so large a portion of his crop as the average for all growers.

March 23--91,600,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR SOLD FOR EXPORT--(1596-39)--The Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces sales of wheat and flour for export totaling approximately 91,600,000 bushels from July 1, 1938 to March 18, 1939. Of this total quantity about 77,000,000 bushels have been exported. Of the total sales for export the sale of approximately 67,300,000 bushels has been assisted by the Federal export program.

March 24--TOLEDO MILK HEARING WILL REOPEN. MARCH 29--(1607-39)--Proposed amendments to the Toledo, Ohio milk marketing program will be considered at the reopening of a public hearing which will begin at 10 a.m. March 29 at the Waldorf Hotel, Toledo, the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements announces. The proposed amendments included: (1) Changing the price of Class I fluid milk, (2) revising provision relating to sales outside of the marketing area, (3) increasing marketing service check-off, (4) making changes to clarify the agreement and order from an administrative viewpoint.

March 24--WOMEN INVITED TO STUDY FARM AND HOME NEEDS--(1599-39)--Sixty rural and urban women from 31 States and the District of Columbia have been invited to confer with Secretary Wallace and other Department officials in Washington, April 13 and 14, the Department of Agriculture announces.

March 25--PUERTO RICAN SUGAR PAYMENTS OF \$10,000 OR OVER MADE PUBLIC--(1610-39)--A list of payments of \$10,000 or more to participants in the 1937 Sugar Program in Puerto Rico is made public by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The payments were made under the Sugar Act of 1937 to participants who fulfilled required conditions of the Act.

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